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SUBJECT: US CANNED FRUITS CONTAINING STARCH SYRUP

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1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THUROCZY/SINDELAR  
TELCON AUG. 13, WE TRANSMIT BELOW AN UNOFFICIAL  
TRANSLATION OF TEXT OF NOTE VERBALE RECEIVED FROM  
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN RESPONSE TO OUR  
REPRESENTATION REPORTED REFTEL. COPY ORIGINAL  
TEXT BEING POUCHED DEPARTMENT, ATTENTION EUR/CE.

2. TRANSLATION OF NOTE: QUOTE-REFERRING TO ITS  
NOTE VERBALE NO. 85 OF JULY 8, 1975 AND TO  
PREVIOUS DIRECT CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE FEDERAL  
MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
CONCERNING THE APPLICATION OF THE AUSTRIAN FOOD  
LAW 1975 TO U.S. CANNED FRUITS, THE FEDERAL  
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS THE HONOR OF  
INFORMING THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
AS FOLLOWS:

BASED ON A DECISION OF JUNE 24, 1975 BY THE COMMISSION  
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FOR THE ISSUANCE OF THE AUSTRIAN FOOD CODEX (CODEX

COMMISSION), THE RESPONSIBLE AUSTRIAN AUTHORITIES HOLD THE OPINION THAT -- BY THE UNCHANGED APPLICATION OF GUIDELINES ALREADY IN EFFECT SINCE 1965 -- NO OBJECTIONS EXIST CONCERNING THE FURTHER IMPORT OF AMERICAN CANNED FRUITS INTO AUSTRIA, IF THE SUGAR (SACCHAROSIS) USED FOR THE PREPARATION OF SYRUPS CONTAINED THEREIN HAS BEEN WHOLLY OR PARTLY REPLACED BY GLUCOSE SYRUP. GLUCOSE SYRUP IN THIS SENSE IS A SYRUP WHICH HAS BEEN PRODUCED BY SUBJECTING STARCH-CONTAINING BASIC MATERIALS TO INTENSIVE HYDROLYSIS. THIS TYPE OF SYRUPS DOES NOT INCLUDE SUCH SYRUPS WHICH CONTAIN CONSIDERABLE QUANTITIES OF DEXTRINES AND OTHER DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS OF STARCH-CONTAINING BASIC MATERIAL TO ACHIEVE A CERTAIN DEGREE OF VISCOSITY.

THE AUSTRIAN FOOD TESTING INSTITUTES (42 AND PARA 49, FOOD LAW OF 1975, FEDERAL LAW GAZETTE NO. 86/1975) WILL CONTINUE NOT (REPEAT NOT) TO OBJECT AGAINST AMERICAN CANNED FRUITS WITH GLUCOSE SYRUP IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOOD LAW 1975 PROVIDED THIS SYRUP DOES NOT CONTAIN SIGNIFICANT QUANTITIES OF DEXTRINES AND OTHER DECOMPOSITION PRODUCTS OF THE STARCH-CONTAINING BASIC MATERIAL.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA 43 (1) OF THE FOOD LAW 1975, THE FOOD TESTING INSTITUTES WITHIN THEIR AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY ARE OBLIGATED TO CARRY OUT TESTS AND TO PREPARE EXPERT REPORTS AT THE REQUEST OF PRIVATE PERSONS. EVERY IMPORTING FIRM HAS THEREFORE THE POSSIBILITY TO INFORM ITSELF WITH REGARD TO THE UNOBJECTIONABLE QUALITY OF ITS PRODUCTS.

THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS EXPECTS THAT THE APPLICATION OF THE NEW AUSTRIAN FOOD LAW WITH REGARD TO CANNED FRUITS WILL NOT HAVE AN ADVERSE EFFECT ON U.S. EXPORT INTERESTS AND USES THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THE ASSURANCE OF ITS HIGHEST ESTEEM. UNQUOTE.

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3. EMBASSY WILL TRY DISCUSS CONTENT INFORMALLY WITH LOCAL TRADE AND WILL REPORT REACTION IF ANY OBTAINED.MEEHAN

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